

How do you create a home page?

You don't have to hire an expensive consultant, designer, or typographer. The easiest way is to find a page you like, copy it, and modify it for your own style and content.

Before you begin, you'll need a:

- word processor or text editor
- graphics editor and conversion tool
- web browser
- Internet service provider to host your page

Step 1. Find someone's page that you like.

Step 2. View the source file (the HTML).

Step 3. Save the source file with "Save As..." to your disk.

Step 4. Edit the file to add your own content and graphics.

Step 5. Check spelling.

Step 6. Preview your page to check graphics and links.

Step 7. Upload your page.

Step 8. Tell people about it.

Step 9. Keep it fresh.

Within each document:

- Sign and date it
- Give links into context—don't say "click here"
- Have a good title
- Use a banner or icon graphic as a theme to give identity to your pages
- Keep in mind that all browsers don't support graphics, use ALT="text"
- Keep in mind that not all users have fast connections and high resolution monitors
- Keep in mind that low-end computers don't support sound and video
- Test your pages on a variety of browsers